

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

LAW OFFICERS – Sanction of one additional post of Special Standing Counsel for Commercial Taxes in the High Court of A.P. and four (4) additional posts of Junior Standing Counsel (two Junior Standing Counsels for each Special Standing Counsel) to assist the Special Standing Counsels for Commercial Taxes in the High Court of A.P., on contract basis - Orders – Issued.

LAW (L.2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.524

Dated: 26-03-2010.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.157, Law, dated 18-10-1994.
2. G.O.Ms.No.211, Law, dated 20-08-1997.
3. G.O.Ms.No.187, Law, dated 06-12-2000.
4. G.O.Rt.No.957, Law, dated 27-05-2005.
5. G.O.Rt.No.959, Law, dated 07-07-2006.
6. G.O.Rt.No.1511, Law, dated 20-10-2006.
7. G.O.Rt.No.1513, Law, dated 20-10-2006.
8. G.O.Rt.No.1056, Law, dated 30-06-2009.
9. Revenue (CT.IV) Department U.O.No.24743/CT.IV/2009, dated 31-12-2009.
10. Law Department U.O.No.8398/LSP/2009, dated 22-01-2010.

ORDER:

In the reference 5th read above, Government have sanctioned two posts of Junior Standing Counsels to assist two (2) Special Standing Counsels for Commercial Taxes in the High Court of A.P., on contract basis with a consolidated remuneration of Rs.8,500/- p.m. each on par with the Assistant Government Pleaders in the High Court of A.P.

2 In the reference 6th read above, Government have enhanced the honorarium payable to the Assistant Government Pleaders from Rs.8,500/- to Rs.12,000/- p.m.

3. In the reference 8th read above, Government have appointed two Special Standing Counsels for Commercial Taxes in the High Court of A.P., for a period of three years.

4. In the reference 9th read above, the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, A.P., Hyderabad, in his Letter No.LII (3)/234/2009, dated 10-12-2009 has stated that there are nearly 3000 cases pending in the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh and locked up revenue of nearly Rs.3500 Crores and it is necessary to file counter affidavits together with stay vacation petitions in hundreds of cases which needs the assistance of Senior Standing Counsels. In view of the huge pendency of the cases and Crores of revenue locked up in the cases before the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh, he has requested the Government to appoint another Special Standing Counsel (with knowledge and experience in Sales Tax matters) and also 6 Assistant Government Pleaders for assisting the three Special Standing Counsels.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided to sanction one additional post of Special Standing Counsel for Commercial Taxes in the High Court of A.P. with a monthly retainer fee of Rs.2,500/- besides Rs.1,500/- for conducting arguments per case and Rs.500/- for preparing draft counter affidavit in each case and 1/3rd of the fees admissible in each case, in cases which are tried in batches of thirty cases or more, as per the orders issued in the references 1st, 2nd, 4th and 7th read above.

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6. Government also decided to sanction four (4) additional posts of Junior Standing Counsel to assist the Special Standing Counsels for Commercial Taxes in the High Court of A.P., (two Junior Standing Counsel for each Special Standing Counsel) on contract basis with a monthly consolidated remuneration of Rs.12,000/- p.m. on par with the Assistant Government Pleaders in the High Court of A.P.

7. The tenure of the posts sanctioned at Para (5) and (6) above shall be for a period of one year initially and with a condition to review the performance for every three months.

8. The learned Advocate General for the State of A.P., Hyderabad, is therefore requested to initiate the process for appointment of one Special Standing Counsel (with knowledge and experience in Sales Tax matters) and (4) Junior Standing Counsels to assist the Special Standing Counsels for Commercial Taxes in the High Court of A.P., (two Junior Standing Counsels for each Special Standing Counsel), immediately, as per Instruction 4 of the Andhra Pradesh Law Officers (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Instructions, 2000 issued in G.O.Ms.No.187, Law, dated 06-12-2000.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (SMPC) Department vide their U.O.No.2736.A/97/A1/SMPC/10, dated 24-02-2010.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V. SURI APPA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Legal Affairs.

To

The Advocate General for the State of A.P.,
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HYDERABAD.

The Principal Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
A.P. Secretariat,
HYDERABAD.

Copy to: P.S. to Prl. Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister.

- „ : P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for Law and Courts, T.E. & I.T.Is.
- „ : P.S. to Chief Secretary.
- „ : The Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, A.P.,
Opp: Gandhi Bhavan, Nampally, Hydeabad.
- „ : Finance (SMPC) Department.
- „ : P.S. to Secretary, Legal Affairs.
- „ : S/f and S/c.

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